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1. The improvised airfield, located north of PETROVAC (Y 48/H 89), between the BEIGRAD-SAOPLJE road, extended about 1.5 miles in east-west direction. It was being reconditioned as an airfield. PWs did grading there.
2. A road, part of which was under construction, led from PETROVAC along the southeastern field section to 8 or 10 two-story wooden cantonment buildings. These buildings were occupied by PWs, guard personnel and about one hundred antiaircraft soldiers who were assigned to operating the five or six antiaircraft guns (of about 80 mm caliber) emplaced on a hill south of the airfield.
3. The airfield, whose surface had been carefully graded and partially sodded, was boggy in rainy weather but fairly firm in dry weather. No personnel or aircraft were stationed at the field.

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Comment: The reported location and size of the PETROVAC airfield agree with the statements made by another source in November 1948. The construction of a new airfield seems confirmed. The field was not completed at the time of observation.

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